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AND METHOD FOR)

MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Official Action mailed September 8, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Three Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to March 8, 2003. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 5, 2000, February 15, 2001, March 15, 2001, March 22, 2001, August 15, 2001, November 2, 2001, June 21, 2002, October 16, 2002, December 20, 2002; March 5, 2003, and August 6, 2003. It is noted that a further IDS was filed on September 17, 2003 (received by the Patent Office on September 22, 2003) and a Supplemental IDS was filed on October 9, 2003 (received by the Patent Office on October 14, 2003). Confirmation of consideration of these further Information Disclosure Statements is respectfully requested with the next Office communication.

Claims 2-41 and 43-90 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 21-32 and 41 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Official Action rejects claims 21-41 and 43-90 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-46 of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,075 to

Sumiyoshi et al. In response to this rejection, a *Terminal Disclaimer* is submitted herewith. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present invention are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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